

## Lil' Sibs 2007: Constructing Fun!

### Improv Show Entertains Lil' Sibs

By Michael Garrity, Staff Writer

On Friday, October the 28, the College's own improvisational group, the Production Under Construction Players, put on a special performance for Lil' Sibs Weekend, sponsored by the Student Union Board (SUB).

The team consisted of about nine performers, and included some audience participation. One of the lucky little siblings got the chance to come on stage and "conduct" the performers.

The show was put on with special emphasis on keeping things clean for the youngsters. If the audience felt that one of the improvisers was out of line they were to yell out "Shame! Shame!" followed by the shameful person walking around the ballroom to look for a corner. Fortunately, for the sanctity of the children only one performer was "shamed". That was sophomore and English major Joe Stewart, who had the gall to say that he was a man who was pregnant by another man.

"Apparently, the idea of a man being impregnated by another man was too much for the crowd to handle, so I was 'shamed'," Stewart said, "I didn't

mind though, it's all part of the improv experience."

Perhaps the funniest (and definitely the cutest) moment of the night came when the performers were playing a game in which a group of five had to answer a question, with each person only being able to say one word at a time, and the next in line picking up where the former left off. When asked, "What is bologna made of?" the group responded with something about farm animals. This was followed by the same little girl yelling "Shame! Shame!" at the performers.

While many of the Production Under Construction Players felt that the show did not go very well, the audience reaction speaks otherwise. The performers said that they had trouble keeping themselves censored, and seemed pleased that only one person was called out for their unappreciated conduct.

"I thought that the improv show was definitely different from those that we've had in the past," says Stewart, when asked about his thoughts on how it went, "but the challenge that it provided—keeping it clean for the little ones—was really great for us to grow as an improv group."



The Lil' Sibs Weekend, September 28 through 30, proved to be a success. Freshman Theatre Arts major Becca Schafer gets her face painted by her lil' sib (top) and Saturday's "Construct Your Own Lunch" was especially delicious (above). Bill Berry, one half of Team Rootberry, holds personal world records in the juggling world (right). (All photos provided by Mark Brouwer '04, Coordinator of Student Activities and Intramural Sports).

### Team Rootberry Amazes Lil' Sibs

By Becca Schafer, Staff Writer

It was a relatively ordinary Saturday evening on campus. SJC students and their little siblings all going about their business when out of the Ballroom came the sound of shrieking children and screams of delight as a man swallowed a 12-inch sword... when pigs fly, right? Well actually they did.

Saturday evening, SJC students, accompanied by their little siblings, filed into the Halleck Student Center Ballroom to be entertained by Team Rootberry. For the weekend's Lil' Sibs event, the Student Union Board (SUB) invited Team Rootberry all the way from Orlando, Florida to entertain.

Team Rootberry is an assembly of two of the most talented jugglers in the country, Jonathan Root and Bill Berry. They are nationally and globally renowned for their numerous awards that include four gold, and four silver medals from the International Jugglers Association, four silver medals in the ESPN 2 World Juggling Federation competition and world records in bounce juggling and sword swallowing.

"They were a great choice of entertainment for our Lil' Sibs Weekend," said Promotions Director of SUB and junior Mass Communications major Kaylee Hofmeister. "However, it seemed like all students, despite their age, really enjoyed the show."

Team Rootberry opened the night's entertainment with a

display of each of their specific talents. While Jonathan Root spun a flying pig toy wrapped in toilette paper from his specially designed hat, Bill Berry cracked a whip, tearing off the toilette paper square by square. Others of the night's grand spectacles included Team Rootberry's famed club and blade juggling routines and combination juggling and balancing acts.

"My favorite part of the show was when they juggled the knives around the girl. I would have been way to scared to do something like that," Hofmeister said.

The "girl" whom Hofmeister is referring to is freshman Elementary Education Bridget McDermott. She voluntarily got on stage and allowed Team

Rootberry to juggle machete knives around her body.

"Having machetes thrown around my bodies gave me a lot of mixed feelings—like thrills and chill," joked McDermott. "I would definitely volunteer again, but only if the juggler's weren't having a bad day."

After Team Rootberry performed their final stunt, they stepped off the stage to teach a quick juggling lesson to the students and little sibs. Equipped with enough scarves to go around, Rootberry taught scarf juggling, the very basic unit to beginning jugglers. Students and sibs left the ballroom that night not only highly entertained but with a new talent and the proud ability to say, "Look what I learned at college."





## Comedian's Performance Receives Mixed Reviews

By Jennifer Ruff, Staff Writer

On October 3, the Student Union Board (SUB) sponsored comedian KT Tatara for students. His performance took place in the Halleck Center Ballroom. He is known as one of the best young comedians today and has been featured on Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham." He is well remembered in the comedy world for his unique opinions and unpredictable jokes that leave people either on the edge of their seat or on the floor due to laughter.

He displayed his opinions and a large amount of unpredictability during his performance. His jokes ranged anywhere from pop culture, particularly pertaining to Britney Spears, to the way women think and express themselves on a daily basis. He joked about how they ramble on and on about anything.

He even offered time in his show to answer any important dating questions the students may

have had. Though only a few actually had an issue for "the Puma sensei," he handled them with great comedic ease and timing. Many were pleased with KT Tatara's new and exciting approach at comedy.

Carly Greco, sophomore Art Education major said, "I thought his material, although at times inappropriate, was hilarious. I would definitely watch him again."

However, this was not the response voiced by all. There were some who believed he was too raw and uncensored.

Roxie Kooi, sophomore Theatre Arts major, stated, "I thought that this was comedy that had crossed the line. It was very offensive and rude."

If any students have their own thoughts about KT Tatara's performance or any other SUB sponsored events, SUB is always appreciative of feedback. SUB meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in the Core Building, Room 123.

## Covenant House Visits SJC

By Michael Garrity, Staff Writer

Students going to lunch or dinner on September 27 may have noticed a pair of young women outside the cafeteria talking with some students. Those two women were Katrina Amann and Paula Rote, and they were at Saint Joseph's College to talk to and possibly recruit people for Covenant House Faith Community.

Covenant House is an organization that is set up to help poor and homeless people under the age of 21 get their lives back on track. They feel that these younger people have a "hope for change," says Amann.

"Most of them haven't accepted the label [of homeless] and still worry about what they look like," stated Rote. "They refuse to beg for money."

They came to SJC to visit Brother Tim Hemm, C. PP. S. '70, who has been in contact with Covenant House for many years now. Their goal is to try to get at least one Puma to join their service after graduation. It would give a student the opportunity to



Katrina Amann and Paula Rote, representatives from the Covenant House, were available to talk to students throughout the day. Freshman English major Michael Garrity gets an opportunity to sit down with them in the Campus Life office (Photo provided by Brother Tim Hemm C.P.P.S. '70).

live in New York City, Ft. Lauderdale, or Atlantic City, where the Covenant House would pay for all of their room and board, as well as insurance and additional stipends. They are partnered with AmeriCore, an organization that helps pay off loans acquired in college.

"We'd really love to get a Saint Joseph's College graduate because of the values of the campus. We're so impressed with

everyone we've met," Amann said. If you are interested, please talk to Hemm.

While on campus, they also met with the Vigil Team (the students involved with organizing the annual Covenant House Candlelight Vigil here at the College), which is going to be held on November 15.

Covenant House is now in its 35th year and just last spring served its one-millionth person.

## Camping Retreat Proves to be More Than Just Stars and Bugs

By Sabrina Butts, Staff Writer

The Camping Retreat, run by Campus Ministry, was very successful. It took place over the weekend of September 21 through 23. Fourteen students participated in the retreat, advised by Brother Tim Hemm, C.P.P.S. '70. The purpose of the retreat was to give students a chance to get away from the routine of college life and reflect on what direction their spiritual journey was taking them.

Students were the ones in charge over the weekend. The leaders were junior Kyle Rush, a Biology major; sophomore Sam Albano, an Elementary Education major; and freshman Tony Dyer, a Criminal Justice major. The three led the students in the various activities that took place over the weekend.

"We had the perfect team," said Hemm. He also said that he was hoping to have another leader join the team for the next retreat to help round off the numbers.

They also had beautiful weather that weekend. The bugs were at a minimum, allowing everyone to enjoy the activities. During the trip, the group participated in reflections, prayer, and shared stories in their lives, which was the theme. Some students studied and went on hikes, as well. A popular activity was eating.

"We started eating when we got there," said Hemm, "and we stopped when we left."

At night the students cooked smores, but they also held a special firelight prayer on the second night. The students had fun and enjoyed the weekend.



take advantage of this experience. This year, we had a senior who hadn't been on the retreat at all, and she couldn't believe she almost missed out on it," Hemm explained.

Another camping retreat took place the following weekend, but was hosted for Chicago students rather than SJC students. Though in previous years Campus Ministry hosted two retreats a year, it has been reduced to once in the fall, since the spring outing took place right before exams. Hemm and the rest of Campus

Ministry encourages students to join in the retreat as part of their life experiences here at Saint Joseph's College.

As Hemm said, "Everyone has something they can share."

Participants in the Campus Ministry-sponsored Camping Retreat are given time to reflect around a campfire (above). True to Hemm's promise of plenty to eat, participant freshman Elementary Education major Mike Hirsch enjoys a gallon of ice cream solely to himself (below). (Photos provided by Brother Tim Hemm C.P.P.S.).

Everyone has something they can share.

~Brother Tim

### Upcoming Campus Events

- Friday, October 12, through Sunday, October 14: Fall Break. Classes resume Monday October 15.
- Sunday, October 14, through Wednesday, October 17: Campus Ministry-sponsored Busy Student Retreat
- Friday, October 19, through Sunday, October 21: HOMECOMING 2007
- Saturday, October 20, at 7:00 p.m.: SUB-sponsored comedian Pete Holmes in the Cafeteria





## Creation Science? More Like...Not True

Sarah Kitterman, *Guest Columnist*

Hi. I'm Doctor Cand, and you should listen to what I have to say. Why? Because I'm wearing a lab coat. I have a Ph. D. in everythingology from a college that's literally in my back yard. So what if it was just a shack that I helped build? It's a college. It says so on the sign above where the door should go. I've told everyone that they're free to debate me, but no one does. Do you know why? Because EVILutionists are scared that their whole conspiracy to rule a godless world without morals or responsibility will fall! I'll be reporting from my jail cell because the EVILutionists have falsified claims that I owe the government money. Excuse me, but I am a man of God and Flargen 87:13 states that if you are a man of God, you owe nothing to the government. Did you know that there's not one shred of evidence supporting EVILution? It's true. All these fossils you find in the ground are animals that lived alongside each other, not "evolved" from one another. That's right, folks, dinosaurs lived with man. Man hunted them to extinction. Did you know the Bible even mentions dinosaurs? Well, it doesn't say dinosaurs specifically, but they're there. See, what I think is that the world is 6,000 years old, because that's what the Bible tells me. And about 4,000 years ago, a world-wide flood came along and killed off all of the animals except two of each species and eight people. All the animals that flood killed sank to the bottom of the water, and lots and lots of mud piled up on top of those animals and made fossils. And from the group of animals that lived through it, all the diversity around you is the result. All animals come from their respective kinds. A dog gives birth to a dog and a bird gives birth to more birds. Have you ever seen a monkey give birth to a dolphin? That's what



This really explains itself. (Thanks to <http://www.collegehumor.com>)

EVILution says. It's so stupid. And on the title of this article, well, it's wrong. Creation science is science. I have proof. I'm wearing a lab coat.

Hi. I'm Sarah Kitterman. It really irks me when people accept what Mr. Cand has to say because what he's saying isn't true. I'll leave out what can be said about his title of "Dr." and his tax evasion for sake of space; it's mostly him inflating his own ego to unhealthy levels anyway. Evolution does not comment on the existence of a deity, nor does any field of science; so, there is no evil conspiracy. Also, science could not care less about what the general public thinks; what is true does not depend on any number of people accepting it. There are mounds of evidence supporting evolution, from genetic mapping to transitional fossils between species. If what Mr. Cand says is true about a global flood creating the fossils we find today, then we should be able to find a Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton right next to a Homo sapien skeleton, side by side. We would be able to find geological evidence of a world-wide flood. But we don't. The Bible does not mention dinosaurs. What it says are things

like "behemoth" and "leviathan," whose descriptions fit that of a hippo and crocodile, respectively. And Mr. Cand is correct (for once): you don't see monkeys giving birth to dolphins. But then, he's wrong again; that is not what the Theory of Evolution claims. Through minute changes throughout millions of years, life has taken a variety of forms; each adapted to their environment. Humans are no more evolved than fig trees. All species have had the same amount of time to adapt to their surroundings, and the huge variety is what we end up with. What Mr. Cand is suggesting is that  $1+1=2$ ,  $1+2=3$ ,  $1+3=4$ , etc.; but, following that process, we will never reach 100. This is illogical at best.

Creation science has nothing to back it up but a literal interpretation of a book that's true because it says it's true. There is no fossil, chemical, or geological evidence to back up creation science. The whole theory consists of trying to find holes in the Theory of Evolution, which scientists have covered already. In fact, the things they point out saying, "Oh! Look, look! They're wrong!" are what evolutionary scientists have found themselves. That's the thing about the Theory of Evolution—it's falsifiable. Creation science isn't. And, as a final nail in the coffin, Evolution is the hypothesis, a flexible conclusion, if you will, formed from the observation of evidence. Creation science starts from the conclusion and tries to find the evidence to back it up and blocks out everything that doesn't fit its little scheme. This practice is simply not scientific. That is why scientists don't take creation science seriously. It's not because there's a conspiracy to take Quetzalcoatl away from public schools; it's because there is absolutely nothing scientific about creation science.

## I Pledge Allegiance...to the NAU?

By Jacob Teska, *Guest Columnist*

Have you ever heard of the North American Union (NAU)? If not, then it may be because it does not exist...yet. And you can count yourself among the millions of Americans who would have no idea what I am talking about. Prepare yourself.

The North American Union would be a merger of the United States, Mexico, and Canada. It would be much like the European Union which most of you are probably aware of. Impossible, you say? This is a merger that has been planned for decades and is backed by money from some of America's elites such as the Rockefeller family.

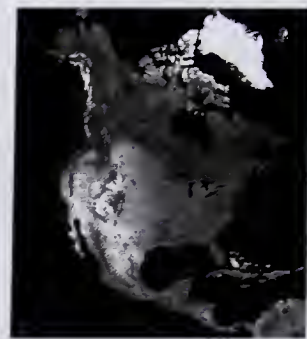
The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was the first step in this process. The second step was an agreement that President Bush entered into with the President of Mexico and the Prime Minister of Canada in 2005 called the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP). This agreement was made without congressional or voter oversight. Many of the members of Bush's cabinet, including Secretary Condoleezza Rice and Secretary Michael Chertoff, have held secret meetings with their counterparts in Mexico and Canada. This plan has been well hidden from the American people.

Many conspiracy theorists believe that the September 11th attacks and the ensuing war on terror were planned by the U.S. government to distract the American people. While I do not believe this, I do believe that the war has provided a good diversion.

There are no borders in this NAU. People can come and go freely from one country to another. The NAU would have a shadow government that the governments of its members would have to answer to. Yes, this means that the President of the United States would have to answer to a higher power. The NAU would get rid of the dollar, the peso, and whatever currency Canada uses and replace them with the Amero. Sounds like Europe's Euro, huh?

You still don't believe me? A NAFTA super-highway is already in the works. This highway will eventually go from the U.S./Mexican border to Canada. Freight trucks will be equipped with an electronic tolling device similar to Illinois' I-Pass. With this device, trucks will be able to cross borders without having their cargo inspected. All this time the American people have been wondering why President Bush has been so lax on illegal immigration and why he would consider allowing Mexican freighters to cross the border freely as soon as next year. Now we know.

The NAU would completely dissolve the sovereignty of the United States and would inevitably lead to the destruction of the U.S. Constitution. This is a great injustice that needs to be fought. As a staunch Republican



Together as one? (Thanks to [http://www.franklin.ma.us/auto/upload/schools/kennedy/781-north\\_america\\_satellite\\_globe.jpg](http://www.franklin.ma.us/auto/upload/schools/kennedy/781-north_america_satellite_globe.jpg))

and a one-time huge Bush supporter, I am appalled that the early stages of this plan have even been allowed. If you don't believe what you read here, research it yourself. You will not hear about the NAU from any mainstream media outlet, but if you go to Google or YouTube and search "North American Union," you will find a plethora of information.

Raising awareness is the first step. Action should surely follow. This is not a partisan issue. This is an American issue. The only way to fight this is to have members of both parties come together and with one voice say no to the NAU.

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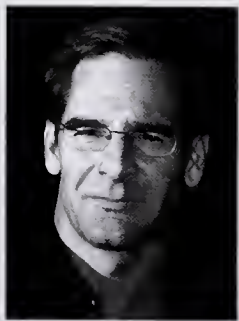
## Where Have You Gone Facebook? Whoawhoawhoa

By Brent J. Houlding, *Opinions Editor*

I won't lie to you, folks; having a significantly lower amount of space to fill pretty much rocks my world. I'm glad people are expressing their opinions. I know you all have them, so keep them coming! And, of course, feel free to comment on any articles you see here, too. We're always looking for a rebuttal, so bring it on!

Now then, to this week's column. Baseball: I don't want to talk about it.

How about this weather? I am not one to be an alarmist when it comes to global warming, but this is getting ridiculous. I remember as recently as my youth having snow in October. Instead we're dealing with highs in the 80s. That's just wrong. I'll be the first to admit: I'm mildly scared. Is all our hair-spray and cow fart-loving coming back to haunt us so soon? I know a few people paying for the 80s in a child support manner, but I fear this may be slightly worse global



Once the greatest of my Facebook oddities. (Thanks imdb.com)

retribution for the desire to emulate Michael Jackson's "Thriller" hairstyle.

Baseball: No, seriously. I don't want to talk about it.

Now then, to my topic de jour: A letter to Facebook. Dear [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), What happened to you? You used to be a classy communication and networking tool. It once was that the most outlandish thing available on you was my friendship with "Scott Bakula." Now I get daily 'force pushes', Harry Potter-esque spells cast on

me, and multiple zombie and/or vampire bites. Although your degradation into a Myspace-style cesspool of emo poems, forced music, and epileptic seizure inducing color schemes has yet to completely come to fruition, that does not mean you have not lost your touch. I once loved you for your ability to let me communicate instantly with a whole cadre of people. Your "pokes" were cute ways of telling others that I still care. I never forgot a birthday. Now I have to pour through your armada of carnival games and sideshow freak applications to garner the slightest bits of information. You forget that your beauty was in your innocence and simplicity, but now they are both gone forever. I miss you, Facebook, but we just can't be as close as we once were. Signed, BJ.

That being said, everyone that agrees should, like, so totally write on my wall, and junk, or whatever.



# Secrets Abound in *Snow Flower*

By Erika Rowshan, Staff Writer



This editor promises no jokes picking on cultures. Honestly. (Photo courtesy of <http://cdn.overstock.com/images/products/muze/books/0812968069.jpg>)

This past summer I picked up the novel *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* from a tiny bookstore in Broad Ripple, Indiana. The owner of the bookstore was quite literally ecstatic with the fact that I had picked up this book, explaining to me that many of the local area bookstore owners had fallen in love with *Secret Fan* and wanted to spread the word about it. The fact that local area bookstore owners appreciate a book may not seem all that exciting to most people, but this knowledge caused me to become quite excited about *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*. I must say that I was definitely not disappointed.

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See is about a young girl by the name of Lily who lives in a small Chinese town during the nineteenth-century. *Secret Fan* tells the story of how Lily, a young and rather poor Chinese peasant girl, comes to be a rather important figure in her town while her close friend, Snow Flower, falls from riches and grace into a less than wonderful society. More importantly, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* is a story about the friendship and love that two women can have for one another.

Lily's childhood is mostly spent dealing with the rather cruel (and now outlawed) custom of Chinese foot binding in which around the age of six, young girls would have their feet bound by many bandages until the feet broke and became deformed. These bound feet only grew to around 4-6 inches in length and of course caused many a young girl to die.

As Lily's feet are bound, one can truly feel her pain and her remorse over no longer being able to even go outdoors or run and play as young children should. As Lily's feet are deformed to fit the societal norm for women of her time period, she becomes less and less capable of even being able to walk long distances without the help of a man. In a way, this aspect of the book most definitely helps to show the difficulties associated

with being a woman in Lily's time. As Lily grows older, she is matched with something known as a *laotang*, or a friend with whom she is able to communicate how she is feeling. Lily communicates with this other young girl by the name of Snow Flower through an ancient female Chinese custom by the name of *nu shu*. Snow Flower and Lily begin writing messages to one another back and forth from Lily's town to Snow Flower's town on a secret fan. This fan and the messages imprinted on it really do help to show how each young girl grows into the woman she becomes later on in the book. Snow Flower and Lily begin a life-long friendship of love and hope in a society where women probably did not have much hope for the future.

One of the best aspects of the book is that Snow Flower starts out in the novel as the richer of the two friends with better marriage prospects and a stronger hope for the future, but as the novel continues, Snow Flower and Lily's fortunes begin to switch and morph into something completely different. Snow Flower's story becomes one of great sadness and pain while Lily's story actually turns into a relatively happy one (albeit rather shallow in its happiness).

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* is both absolutely beautiful and heartbreakingly sad. There was never really a point in time where I felt bored with the novel. I never felt as if Lisa See was attempting to force her views (which are quite possibly feminist) on me in spite of the fact that *Secret Fan* could have been a political novel. Instead, it seemed to be as if See was simply trying to tell a tale of two women who found friendship and love in each other in a society where true friendship and love was often hard for women to find. I give *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* a solid:



# The *3:10 to Yuma* is One Train Worth the Ticket Price

By Jonathan Broeker, Staff Writer

In last month's issue, I attempted to write my first film review. If anyone was bored enough to read it, they would probably find that it was quite lengthy and way too specific. However, I hope that everyone who did read my article understood what I was trying to say: remakes are wrong! With that said, allow me to introduce the exception. Once out of every 10 times a remake is attempted, it will succeed, and when it does, it usually is very effective. James Mangold's remake of *3:10 to Yuma*, Glenn Ford's 1957 classic, is one of these exceptions.

The movie is essentially a morality play. There are good guys and there are bad guys and there is meaning behind how they act. The good news for us is that the characters here are exciting and at many times seem as real as you and me.

So why does this movie work so well while others fail? The answer to that lies in the actors and the directing. The main characters in this western, played by Christain Bale and Russell Crowe, are three-dimensional. They are more thoughtful than many "classic westerns" allow their characters to be.

Do not confuse thoughtful with cute and sweet, however. Russell Crowe plays his cowboy deadly and merciless. It will be hard to take your eyes off him every time he comes across the screen. He is mean and he is violent, but the most ruthless thing about this man is his intellect. He knows he is Ben Wade, the killer and thief, and is very proud of this image.

Now it would have been easy to stop there and create just another dangerous gang leader, but what Crowe does is much

more interesting. He plays his character too deep to be confined to what the genre says he has to do. He is too smart to be just another simple-minded killer. There is more to this man than what his actions suggest, and discovering this throughout the movie is half the fun.

Christian Bale plays someone equally as interesting but for different reasons. He is a great man and he is the hero of the story, but he is no Wyatt Earp. This man is not some untouchable, unbreakable hero on a white horse. He is on the verge of losing his ranch and his son's respect along with it. He is also missing part of his leg due to an injury. Yet this character does not let us down for a second. He provides us with a good guy so noble and so determined that we can't help but be concerned for him.

Both of these men do such a fantastic job with their characters that you may not want either of them to triumph over the other. In a time when movie characters act predictable and mannered, these men give us individuals that surprise us while remaining true to their characters.

Then comes the end. Going into a movie like this, it is safe to assume that the ending will involve some big shootout or showdown. Perhaps both. Unfortunately, it is often at this point in the movie where all the fun stops. The characters go through the same old motions and we get the same old result. There is no tension. We see lots of shooting and hear lots of heroic dialogue and then the dust settles, leaving us with a payoff so traditional and boring that we



A new western that's not South Park's *Gay Cowboys Eating Pudding*. (Photo courtesy of <http://sms2.dogstreetjournal.com/photos/3853/yuma.jpg>)

wish the movie had stopped a little sooner than it did. Not in this movie! The ending is the most nerve-racking, edge-of-your-seat experience you will find in a movie this year. We are never really sure what is going to happen, and when the dust settles, we find ourselves looking at a much different kind of western than we are usually given.

I am very picky when it comes to loving westerns. The genre is one of my all-time favorites, and with so many wonderful films to compare to, modern westerns seem to fail every time. You can only imagine how relieved I was after leaving the theater. Finally, a western that gets you worked up and does not let you down with a poor payoff. How exciting to experience some good, old-fashioned movie magic. Can we send a copy of the film to Rob Zombie? He might learn something. I give *3:10 to Yuma*:



# Long Live the Prince

By Gabriele Nichols, Features Editor

Music is filled with royalty and titles. Elvis was the King of Rock and Roll, James Brown was the Godfather of Soul, and Solomon Burke is the King of Rock and Soul. Unlike real titles, however, these titles are not handed down upon death or disgrace. So, I see it's time for a coup against one of the longstanding music nobility. The King of Pop must abdicate his crown, and let (the) Prince take up the throne.

Michael Jackson and Prince were electrifying opposing forces in the 80s, providing a musical rivalry comparable to The Beatles and The Rolling Stones. Though Prince never lacked in success, Michael Jackson took greater success and the King of Pop title in the end. Both artists seemed poised to continue their brilliance through the 90s and into the next century.

The rest of the story everyone knows. Both artists went completely nuts, and their careers

seemed over. In this aspect, Prince's insanity seemed more interesting. He seemed tortured by conflicts of faith, freedom, sex, love, and creative control, bubbling over into wars with his record label, disavowing his name, and generally acting really strange. Michael Jackson, on the other hand, overdid the plastic surgery, became obsessed with young children, and spent too much money. I'm sure you could find a few guys like that in every county prison.

Michael Jackson has steadily grown more bizarre, and his musical output ceased completely. Which isn't such a bad thing, since his last album was a complete disaster with more time probably spent on the music videos than on the music. No new albums, no new live performances, and backstabbing moves like stealing The Beatles' catalogue out from under an actual Beatle all show that

Michael Jackson has abused his power and position. It is time to recognize our mistake and give the title of King of Pop to he who is truly deserving, Prince. Although his musical output in recent years has ranged from great to relatively uninspired, he is still extremely prolific and releases albums in unique ways, such as with concert tickets and the infamous Daily Mail giveaway. Prince's most awesome achievement is that he remains possibly the greatest live performer in the world, selling out the largest venues and receiving rave reviews. He even managed to put on an amazing show at the Super Bowl, after years of aging rock stars phoning it in and young stars lip-syncing their hits. It is time for Prince to become the one and only King of Pop. Viva la revolucion!



# Saint Joseph's College Exclusive: The Gospel According to Hank

By Michael Joseph Buno, Staff Writer

Eating in the cafeteria on the afternoon on September 27, 2007, I discovered something unbelievable in my usual taco salad, and no, it wasn't a hair, spider eggs, or a severed finger. (Editor's Note: *Those things would be expected.*) In order to explain fully my astonishment, I must first provide some context.

As a student of Saint Joseph's College, you have to go through Core 4, which delves deep into the New Testament of the Bible. Required reading in Core 4 traditionally begins with the Gospel of Mark. The four Gospels from the New Testament related the life and times of Jesus Christ, and while these writings are stylistically different and contain varying stories about Jesus' life, they are all widely accepted in the Bible as the most reputable sources. However, many other "Gospels" also surfaced, including ones by Thomas the Apostle, Mary of Magdalene (a follower of Jesus alleged by many to have been a prostitute) and Judas Iscariot (Jesus' ultimate betrayer). These examples of Gospels, of course, never made it to the Bible.

As I dug into my tantalizing taco salad that Thursday afternoon, I came upon a rolled-up piece of parchment, that when fully sprawled out roughly spanned the area of a standard piece of printer paper. On the piece of paper was Hebrew text, and I rushed to the bathroom to carefully wipe off the remnants of meat juices. Once it was restored to the best of my ability, I took the paper to a local archaeologist (and by "local," I mean "from Chicago") to decipher these words. It just so happens that I stumbled upon an ancient Gospel written by a man named Hank, whose name was retracted from the Bible after he was caught

throwing the first (and last) Passover kegger.

And now, I present to you, my fellow colleagues of Saint Joseph's College, for the first time anywhere, three excerpts



Apparently, Jesus fully endorses Passover keggers. (Photo courtesy of [https://www.jewishtimes.com/data/News/2453/Jesus\\_230.jpg](https://www.jewishtimes.com/data/News/2453/Jesus_230.jpg))

from the Gospel According to Hank.

## The Gospel of Hank, Chapter 13, Verse 747

Jesus led his disciples to the Sea of Galilee to preach. Joined behind the twelve were dozens of faithful servants come to witness the presence of the Lord. As Jesus stood atop a rock, and as he began to speak, two men came rushing up to Him looking to settle a conflict.

"Tell me of your struggle," Jesus said.

One man responded, "My friend and I cannot decide upon a dispute."

"What is your dispute, my brothers?" Jesus questioned of the man.

The man replied, "We cannot come to a mutual decision. I say Coke is better, and my friend claims that Pepsi is superior."

Jesus was appalled. "You come to me while I preach about the goodness of the world and everlasting life, and you approach me with questions of soft drinks?"

The two men hung their heads, seemingly in shame.

"Obviously, Coke is better," Jesus proclaimed.

One man turned to the other and loudly affirmed, "Ha! I was right! Pay up!"

The other man opened his wallet, and slapped a five-spot on the other's palm.

"You truly are the judge of all things!" the throngs of people exclaimed.

The phrase "WWJD" or "What Would Jesus Drink" was thereby established.

## The Gospel of Hank, Chapter 37, Verse 665

Jesus came upon an aging woman in the streets of Jerusalem, and he could tell from the loads of food and clothing on her back that she needed assistance.

"May I be able to offer some help?" Jesus asked of the woman.

"I don't take help from strangers," the woman responded.

"I am no stranger," Jesus replied, "and if you live as God has commanded you live, you may join me in the kingdom of Heaven."

"Aw, hell, another Jehovah's Witness," the woman uttered as she reached into her purse for her can of pepper spray.

"No, you don't understand, I am the son of God," cried Jesus.

Jesus' attempts from being sprayed were all for naught, as the woman proceeded to mace him. He fell to his knees in anguish as the old witch walked away.

"Remember this day of your actions, my sister, and that you will be judged thusly in the kingdom of Heaven," Jesus proclaimed.

"Whatever," replied the woman, "I'm late for the Cubs game, and I'd like to see them win a World Series in my lifetime."



Jesus with his favorite brand of mace. (Photo courtesy of [http://www.jinx.com/men/shirts/video\\_games/jesus\\_saves.html?&cid=0&catid=4&ps=100&fp=1](http://www.jinx.com/men/shirts/video_games/jesus_saves.html?&cid=0&catid=4&ps=100&fp=1))

## The Gospel of Hank, Chapter 42, Verse 96

Peter, along with several skeptics of Jesus' divine power, had brought Jesus to the top of a steep cliff, where below lay a war-torn city, the area destroyed beyond human repair. Fire scorched the earth below, homes were demolished, and the town had been left desolate as its previous inhabitants fled to neighboring cities for shelter.

"These people want to return home," stated Peter. "However, these living conditions are just too squalid to maintain human life."

Jesus took in a deep breath, stretched out his hands over the city, and transformed it back to its intact state.

"Boom! Goes the dynamite," Jesus called out.

Peter and many with him were amazed at this feat, yet still others questioned his divinity.

"You doubt my supreme power?" Jesus asked of the non-believers.

One spoke up, "surely you cannot expect us to believe that you performed a feat so amazing. God is most certainly playing tricks with our eyes."

"You guys want an encore?" Jesus asked of the skeptics.

The skeptics concurred amongst themselves that they would appreciate seeing more of Jesus' work. Jesus instructed all men who did not believe to join Jesus at the edge of the cliff.

"Who among you possesses the ability to fly?" Jesus inquired of the men.

No one came forward to make such a claim.

"Well, that's too bad," replied Jesus, as he pushed one of the men off the cliff.

"Oh, snap!" yelled the man, who was convinced that he was falling to his doom.

Just before the man was to reach the ground, Jesus clapped his hands twice, and directly below him appeared a large stack of pillows into which the man fell unharmed.

"w00t!" cried Jesus. As the man returned to the top of the cliff, Jesus asked of him, "How do you like them apples?"

"I doubt ever questioning you, my Lord," replied the man.

"Follow the word of God and listen to my words, and you too will experience eternal happiness," Jesus said to the man.

"I owe you all my gratitude," stated the man.

"Just kidding; I already know you're going to Hell," Jesus answered.

The men all proceeded to share a great laugh.

There you have it, just a part of the uncovered Gospel of Hank. Obviously, because of historical inaccuracies and anachronisms, these stories were rejected from the Bible. However, they were not rejected from *The Observer*, and you can tell your children someday that you were the first to read from the Gospel of Hank. Your children may have you committed to an asylum, but the point is that you are all witnesses to history. Besides, everyone looks better in a straitjacket.

# Ask Antigone

By Antigone, Staff Writer



Dear Antigone,

Last Thirsty Thursday, I got blitzed and started dancing on a table. Now guys won't stop trying to tip me like I am their personal stripper. What should I do? Any advice?

Sincerely,  
Not-A-Stripper

Dear Stripper,

The first piece of advice I can give is that if you are going to get blitzed, do not do it near any tables. Unless of course you like that sort of thing, but if you do not want to look like a ho then do not get drunk near places where you will act like one.

However, in case you do wish to repeat the performance and wish to whine about it again, let me let you in on a little

secret. Alcohol does not make you do anything you do not wish to do: it just frees your inhibitions and allows you to act more like you would if you did not care what the rest of society thinks. So there is some deep part of you that wishes for nothing more than



The wave of the future, picnic table dancing. (Photo courtesy of [http://www.rikens.com.au/store/images/main\\_kwila\\_picnic\\_table.jpg](http://www.rikens.com.au/store/images/main_kwila_picnic_table.jpg))

to get up on a table somewhere and start taking off your clothes.

As for being tipped like a stripper, let the guys do it. College is expensive, and with your thousands in loans, I am sure you could use the money. Sure you will look like a desperate prostitute up there on those tables at Core XI, but remember, girls who work in strip bars make some pretty good cash. Just remember this: a recent study showed that strippers who are ovulating make more money than

those who are not, and those who were on birth control made the least.

Dear Antigone,

Why does it always seem that once you get into a relationship that everyone comes out of the woodwork and confesses their undying love for you?

Yours truly,  
Confused Boyfriend

Dear Confused,

First off, let me congratulate you for being in a relationship. That said, let me also say this: quit whining! What I would not give to be in a loving and caring relationship where I had someone to cuddle and sleep with. At the moment, I have to spend my night cuddling with a body pillow and a stuffed platypus, and let me tell you a platypus is not something you want to wake up to first thing in the morning. Unlike you, who is probably up to all hours of the night getting it on, I am stuck watching *Law and Order* reruns

and bawling my eyes out every time Meredith screws up her love life on *Grey's Anatomy*. Anyways, I do believe there is an explanation for your recent rash of people professing their undying love for you. People want what they cannot have. Sure, you are fun to hangout with and are just "friends" when you are single, but the second you are off the market everybody wants a piece. Now that you have a girlfriend, you are proven boyfriend material and you will be until you break up, then you will be put back into the friends-only category. So tough luck for you.

Remember readers, if you have any sort of angsty question you need an answer to, I am always here to help. Just e-mail your questions to [aksantigone@gmail.com](mailto:aksantigone@gmail.com).

Editor's Note: *The Observer is not responsible for anybody that actually takes Antigone's advice. Though please document it and put it on YouTube if you do.*



# Football Team Back To Winning Ways

By Andrew Costello,  
Sports Editor

The Saint Joseph's College football team seems to have rediscovered their winning ways. After an 0-4 start, the Pumas have won their past two games and now sit at 2-4 and, more importantly, 1-0 in the Great Lakes Football Conference. Convincing wins over Kentucky State and Missouri-Rolla have boosted the confidence of both the players and fans in a season that had a rather surprising start.

Rolling into Frankfort, Kentucky on September 29, the Pumas were looking for that first win to help propel them to a fourth-consecutive winning season. A huge 19-point fourth-quarter against the Thorobreds allowed the Pumas to capture their first win of the 2007, as they prevailed 33-20. Senior quarterback Anthony Lindsey threw for 219 yards, completing 19 of 26 aerial attempts. Already in sole possession of a plethora of SJC records, Lindsey's game against the Thorobreds, reaching the 9,000-yard plateau mark and outdistancing himself from Dave Houston (6,815 yards from 1978-81) by almost 3,000 yards. One of Lindsey's favorite new targets, sophomore wide receiver Mack Ogletree, continued to assert himself as one of the team's top receivers, catching six balls for 85 yards and one touchdown.



Greg Ford (28) and Dan Paulsen (9) rush to celebrate Mack Ogletree's (2) touchdown. The trio looks to be quite the offensive threat in the GLFC. (Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S. '78.)

Senior running back Greg Ford rushed for 93 yards on 30 carries, reaching the end zone three times. Senior wide receiver Dan Paulsen (39 yards on four catches) also saw his name etched in the pages of the Puma football record books, as he became the first player to have over 200 career receptions (202) and over 3,000 receiving yards (3,023) in a season. The defense came through in the clutch, as sophomore linebacker Devin DuBose had nine stops and 2.5 tackles-for-loss, junior Rob Perricone tackled six, and DeQwan Young had three pass breakups.

Taking care of business on the road, the Pumas returned to Alumni Stadium this past Saturday to prove to the fans that this was only the beginning. In their GLFC opener, the Pumas

entertained the Miners from Missouri-Rolla and won their third straight in what has become an intense rivalry. Winning 35-17 at a renovated Alumni Stadium, the Pumas began erasing the horrid memories of the first four games by putting on an offensive show in the first half. The Pumas scored three touchdowns in the first half, putting up 21 points, three more than the 18 first-half points they scored in their previous five games combined. Anthony Lindsey continued to establish himself as the best quarterback of the past decade, throwing for a season-high 301 yards (25 of 28 passes) and setting a new standard for single-game completion amongst Puma quarterbacks (.893). Another strong performance by Mack Ogletree continued to spark the offense that the Pumas seemed to be missing during their four-game losing streak, as the sophomore wide receiver caught six passes for 124 and a score. Senior wide receiver Austin Capi contributed significantly with 71 yards on four catches, putting the Pumas in favorable field position every time. Greg Ford proved his work-horse status by running for 100 yards on 22 carries and one touchdown. A team-high 10 tackles was achieved by DeQwan

Young, while senior linebacker Prentiss Jackson and sophomore linebacker Lemon Kelley each recorded a sack.

The recent success for the Pumas has restored the confidence of many players on the team, including four-year starter and defensive stalwart Lance Burns. But instead of getting wrapped in all the celebration, he recognizes that there is still much to be done to prove that the Pumas are contenders, starting with next week's contest at Tiffin. "Our team is starting to get that spark back from last year. Tiffin is a good team, and every year we have played them it has been a tough battle down to the wire. This year, Tiffin will be seeking revenge because we gave them their only loss last year and we knocked them out of the playoffs," said Burns.

Just under a year ago, the Pumas rallied with two fourth-quarter touchdowns to defeat Tiffin 24-23 and capture its first GLFC title. Regardless of any adversity, Burns likes his team's chances. "If we come out and play Puma football like we always do, we will have nothing to worry about. I see us winning our conference again," he said.

Kickoff against the Dragons is at 1:30 PM local time at Frost-Kalnow Stadium.

## The NHL Is Back

By John Wyatt, Staff Writer

Well, Pumas, hockey season is again among us. So let's take a look at this year's top picks in the NHL.

As always, the Red Wings are looking pretty good, and again as always, are expected to reach the playoffs. However, with bad trades the last few years and letting go of key free agents, it's understandable that they will fall apart like they did last year to the Ducks. The Blackhawks for all you Chicago fans are looking; well to be honest, contenders this year. They picked up Robert Lang from the Red Wings some time ago and has proved a good pick up. However, this extremely young team hasn't much leadership from only a handful over veterans. They will rely heavily in someone to step up and take charge. So my pick on them is a sleeper. They may not start out well but come spring will take off like a bat out of hell, assuming they stay healthy. The unheralded Nashville Predators who currently lead the division (only 2 games have been played) are lead by veteran forward Legwand who, if teammates come through this year, might just steal the division away from Detroit and Chicago.

My next pick comes from the West Coast. The Ducks coming off a Stanley Cup victory last year makes them the top pick by most experts. However, my hate and disgust of Chris Pronger, their team star, makes me hope they fall into despair this year and get blown out in the first round of the playoffs. Colorado looks, as always, to again make the playoffs or be on the bubble of doing so. Their pick up of a decent back up goalie might just be that extra gear to get them over the hump. However, judging by last year's results, if their veteran forwards do not come through for them, their defense is going to be in a world of hurt. Not just by being slammed but because they have no depth in their defensemen. But if they forwards decide to actually produce for them then expect a second round playoff run or better. The Senators out of the east, coming off a Cinderella season last year are back with a vengeance, but little force. (Plagued by off season injuries, despite a few good pick ups might hurt them come spring.) However, if they remain healthy and win a few key games then count them in making the playoffs. But perhaps the most impressive team, so far, out of the East this year would definitely have to be the Islanders. Preseason I had them pegged for wash outs like every other sports team that comes from NY since the late 70s. Ok maybe the Yankees aren't that bad...Go Sox! But so far they are healthy, fast (impressively so), and their goaltending is finally above par. If they can sneak past the Senators/beat them into submission, then expect them to win the division.

## Men's Soccer Faces Adversity

By Andrew Costello,  
Sports Editor

Despite having a 2-7 conference record and a 3-12 overall record, the Saint Joseph's College men's soccer team has already looked past last year's embarrassing season. The Pumas have already eclipsed their win total from last season (1) and have won two conference games for the first time in nearly two years. With the loss of 10 seniors from last year's squad, saying that the Pumas are a young team is quite the understatement. The starting lineup has seen over seven new starters, with four or five freshman seeing a lot of playing time, particularly freshman goal keeper and Australian sensation Alex Makin. The injury bug has also bitten the Pumas this season, as junior midfielder Chad Stuecher has been sidelined this season with an ankle injury.

The Pumas are also under the direction of new head coach G. David Bokhart, a former assistant at University of St. Francis (Ind.) The coach's task of directing a team that has won only eight Great Lakes Valley Conference contests in the past five seasons has not been an easy one. The



Pumas have seen stiff competition, especially this past Sunday against the top team in the nation: Northern Kentucky (L 0-3). Four of their losses this year have been by one goal, and big wins have come against GLVC-foes Kentucky Wesleyan and Lewis University.

Regardless of the team's less-than-stellar record, the Pumas are confident that their hard work and determination will result in more wins and a potential GLVC conference tournament berth.

"The team is youthful and hardworking, and I believe we are just now starting to turn the program around. We are becoming a unified team with positive attitudes while winning games along the way," said junior forward and three-year starter Nick Filloon.

The Pumas begin a two-game road trip to the great state of Missouri this weekend. Friday's contest against Missouri-Rolla is

scheduled for 7:30 PM local time. Sunday's contest against Missouri-St. Louis begins at 2:30 PM.

Although the youth has already experienced several growing pains in the game of Division II soccer, Chad Stuecher is optimistic about the direction the team is headed.

"The youth on the team has brought a new energy and mind set to the team this year. Although the progress as of now is far from what we expected, our talent exceeds our record and will only continue to improve as experience does," he said.



TOP: Sophomore defender Kyle Fender drills past a Northern Kentucky player. BOTTOM: Freshman Michael Zambon elevates his game. (Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S. '78)

## Women's Soccer Triumphs

By Clark Teuscher '00,  
Sports Information Director

The Saint Joseph's College women's soccer team kept its unbeaten record at home intact on Sunday, and needed nearly all 90 minutes to do so. The Pumas scored with 17 seconds remaining to defeat 24th-ranked Northern Kentucky University, 1-0, at Joseph L. Minielli Memorial Field.

SJC (8-5-2, 5-2-2 Great Lakes Valley Conference) remained locked in a scoreless tie with the Norse (9-4, 5-4 GLVC) until the final seconds of the contest, when the Pumas were awarded a corner kick. Aniela Pulice (Sr., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario/St. Basil) sent the ball in from the right side, and Rachel Cobean (Jr., Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario/St. Basil) headed the ball into the net for her fourth game-winning goal of the season and her ninth goal overall.

Sarah Croskrey (Fr., Scotts Valley, CA) saved five NKU shots to record her fifth shutout of the year.

The Pumas are now 6-0-1 in home games this season, and are off until Friday, when they travel to the University of Missouri-Rolla for a match at 5 p.m.



# Dominance In The NFL

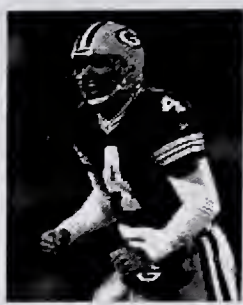
By David Spencer, *NFL analyst*

As the NFL season moves into the heart of the regular season, there is one story that should surprise no one: the AFC is again dominating the NFC. This seemingly never-ending story began in 1997 with John Elway and the Broncos and looks likely to continue until at least Tom Brady or Peyton Manning hang up their cleats to retire.

Although two NFC teams in the Packers and Cowboys look promising after only a few weeks, the talent level between the AFC and the NFC still seems to have a great disparity. The league is designed for parity, however, as the 32 teams are divided between two conferences with four divisions each. The American Football Conference (AFC) has teams that originated with the American Football League which competed against the NFL in the 1950s and 1960s, and the National Football Conference is the product of the original National Football League. In 1970, the two leagues merged together and a few teams including the Steelers, Browns, and Colts switched to the AFC to balance out the conferences. When the Houston Texans joined the league as an expansion team in 2002, the league realigned its divisions, and the Seattle Seahawks switched to the NFC. There is no reason the AFC should have an advantage, yet they used to say the same thing about the NFC, as 28 of the 41 Super Bowls have been won by original pre-merger NFL (not AFL) teams.

The talent, however, could now be likened to the difference between the Varsity teams and the JV squads on a high school football team. The past Super Bowl champions stretching back have been the Colts, the Steelers, the Patriots, the Patriots again, the Buccaneers, the Patriots yet again, the Ravens, the Rams, and then the Broncos two times in a row at the end of John Elway's career. With the exception of the Buccaneers and the Rams, eight championships in the last decade have been claimed by the AFC. And it seems to show no signs of ending anytime soon.

For years in the 1980s and 1990s, the NFC had a similar streak of dominance over the NFL. The Redskins, the Giants, the 49ers, and the Cowboys seemed to be claiming championships like they were paychecks, until John Elway (with a lot of help from running back Terrell Davis) beat Brett



Go Pack! (Thanks NFL.com)

Favre and the Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in January of 1998. Three months after this big win for the AFC, the Indianapolis Colts selected Peyton Manning as the first overall pick of the 1998 NFL Draft. Two years later, the Patriots selected Tom Brady as the 199<sup>th</sup> pick of the 2000 NFL Draft, and the year after that, the Chargers traded away their rights to select Michael Vick and instead chose LaDainian Tomlinson. For a league praised for its balance and disparity, the big picture shows that there is a clear disparity.

Four teams in the NFL right now have everybody talking, and the one thing they all have in common is the play of the quarterback. It is no secret that the success of a team hinges on its quarterback. Brett Favre and the Packers are winning games and breaking records, Peyton Manning and the Colts are putting up points and playing hard, Tom Brady and the Patriots are playing inspired defense and scoring at will, and the Dallas Cowboys are riding high with the best young quarterback in the league in Tony Romo. For years, the NFC dominated the AFC because quarterbacks were still the most important factor. Brett Favre, Troy Aikman, Steve Young, Joe Montana, and Phil Simms all dominated at their position while winning Super Bowls and crushing AFC teams. Now, the trend continues, but the AFC has taken over the dominance.

The two best quarterbacks in the game right now are clearly the Colts' Peyton Manning and the Patriots' Tom Brady. The AFC also has the Bengals' Carson Palmer and the Steelers Ben Roethlisberger, not to mention the invincible Vince Young with the Titans. But the dominance isn't just relegated to quarterbacks. The AFC boasts the best players, young coaches, and match-ups the league has to offer. Last year's Offensive Rookie of the Year was the aforementioned Vince Young, while the Defensive Rookie of the Year was the Texans' DeMeco Ryans. College stars JaMarcus

Russell and Brady Quinn were each drafted to AFC teams. And the two best pure running backs in the league (not evidenced this year because their offensive lines are pathetic) have shown to be the league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson of the Chargers and the Chiefs' Larry Johnson. Arguably, the two best cornerbacks over the last few years have been Jacksonville's Rashean Mathis and Denver's Champ Bailey. The best pass rushers over the last few years have been Jason Taylor, Dwight Freeney, and Shawne Merriman, while the best tight ends in the league have been the Chiefs' Tony Gonzalez and the Chargers' Antonio Gates. And don't even get me started with the wide receivers—Randy Moss is argument enough. But just for good measure, don't forget about Chad Johnson, Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne, and Andre Johnson.

Granted, this year the NFC is showing some signs of life. The Cowboys and the Packers are playing well, albeit against some pretty weak competition. However, no matter what fans of America's team or the nation's cheese heads would want you to believe, the two undefeated AFC teams are in another class of excellence. And to continue the analogy, if the Colts and Patriots are in another class, the Patriots may be in another school system. Did you know Randy Moss is on pace this season for 124 catches, 2,020 yards, and 28 touchdowns? (Read that one more time just to let it sink in.)

So far this season, all 10 running backs who've rushed for 130 or more yards this year are from the AFC. After four games, nobody in the NFC has rushed for more than the 128 yards Edgerrin James had against Seattle in Week 2.

It would seem that a finesse team in the NFC could only hope to win a championship by somehow getting by the AFC Champion which will have been so bruised and battered from the competition likely to be in the AFC playoffs. The AFC Champion this year will have been knocked around during the month of January by the likes of the Patriots' Adalius Thomas, the Chargers' Shawne Marrimen, or the Colts' Bob Sanders, and maybe if they are really lucky, the NFC Champion can try to sneak by and steal a Super Bowl ring this year. But don't count on it. Not while Tom Brady is throwing 28 touchdowns to Randy Moss.

## Puma Volleyball Profile: Kristin Wroblewski

By Andrew Costello, *Sports Editor*



The lone senior on a young squad, Wroblewski has helped lead the Pumas to a 10-8 record, already tripling their win total from 2007. A conference tournament bid is definitely a possibility. (Photo courtesy of SJC Sports Information.)

**1. Full Name:** Kristin Elizabeth Wroblewski.

**2. Age:** 21 (soon to be 22 on October 20<sup>th</sup>!)

**3. How long have you been playing volleyball:** Since 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**4. If I could change one thing about Rensselaer it would be....:** For something to actually be open later than 10:00.

**5. Fresh Prince of Bel-Air or Saved By The Bell:** Both good choices...but I'd have to go with *Saved By The Bell*. Who can beat Zack Morris?!

**6. Favorite late night snack:** Chips and salsa

**7. Any pets?:** My golden retriever named Riley.

**8. Finish this tongue twister—"Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear, Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair..."**

Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy, was he?

**9. Favorite class:** Market Research with Professor Wisma. (Recognition in the form of extra credit for getting your name in the paper is appreciated.)

**10. Greatest obstacle you have overcome in life:** 6 a.m. jump boxes...I am permanently scarred.

**11. Favorite pastime:** Karaoke nights in our apartment.

**12. Ever think the moon was made of cheese:** Umm...no.

**13. Best concert experience:** Rascal Flatts concert two summers ago. We were finally able to find Corley, but when we did, she was only wearing one shoe.

**14. Any siblings?:** One older sister, Rebecca.

**15. Role Model:** Both of my parents for being successful in both their careers and in raising a family.

**16. Favorite quote:** "You got a dream, you gotta protect it. People can't do something themselves, they wanna tell you that you can't do it. You want something? Go get it. Period."

*-The Pursuit of Happyness*

**17. Proudest moment as a Puma:** Making it to the conference tournament my freshmen year.

**18. If I could be anyone for a day I would be....** Any one of my roommates...they're pretty amazing!

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## Cross Country Teams Fare Well at Eagle Invite

By Clark Teuscher '00,  
*Sports Information Director*

The Saint Joseph's College men's and women's cross country teams closed out the regular season Friday, recording twin second-place finishes in the Benedictine University Invitational at Lisle Community Park. The men's team turned in a total of 44 points, eight short

of the winning score of 36 posted by North Central College. The women's squad tallied 50 points, coming in 10 points behind St. Mary's College.

SJC did have an individual champion in Naza Sanchez (Fr., Rensselaer, IN/Central), who toured the 8,000-meter (five-mile) layout in 27:02 to finish first in the men's race. The

Pumas went 1-2 in the event, as Corey Spriggs (Fr., Cincinnati, OH/LaSalle) finished in 27:27.

Matt Leonardo (Sr., Chicago, IL/St. Laurence) placed 10th overall in 28:20, followed by Andy Rogers (Jr., Remington, IN/Indiana State Univ.) in 14th (28:47) and Jay Skibbens (So., Bloomington, IL) in 18th (28:59).

The women's race, a 6,000-meter (3.75-mile) contest, was won by St. Mary's Megan Gray, who was clocked in 23:59. Ashley Moore (Sr., Clarksville,

IN) came in third in 24:38 to lead the SJC contingent, with Jenna Helton (Jr., Waterloo, IL) one spot behind in 25:19. Tiffani Sawmiller (So., Wapakoneta, OH) also cracked the top 10, placing seventh in 25:39.

Completing the Lady Pumas' scoring were Kim Woodruff (Jr., Michigan City, IN), 17th in 26:43, and Jacqui Mohr (Sr., Crown Point, IN), 19th in 26:46. SJC is off until Saturday, Oct. 20, when it competes in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships in Indianapolis.



Senior Ashley Moore finished second at the Eagle Invite and Great Louisville Classic. (Photos by Coz).



# Karma and the Cosmos

Divined by our own Sage Sukey



## Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)

You're finally back in the game after your brief reclusivity in your work. You still can't tell where things are headed, but everything looks like it's going well. Look out for that Taurus who has been pressuring you again.

## Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Have you found that special someone? Or multiple someones? Decisions are difficult when you have too many good things to choose from. You'll figure out which is the one by putting them to the test. Practice some empathy while you're at it.

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

Oh yes, that adventure went well, but it brought you some unwanted attention. Do you stay on the one road or do you choose the less traveled to get out of the mine field?

## Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)

You didn't expect this to happen so suddenly, but it did. You are in love. In the midst of your annoyances you found someone you could put up with and forgive their flaws. Good for you, just don't ignore the really important flaws.

## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)

On a creative high? Just keep writing everything down, or draw if that's your thing. Everyone around you seems to be inspiration to you. Each movement, a spark to your creative genius...or perhaps that's just the paranoia talking.

## Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)

Put aside the petty differences and focus of the real issue bothering the two of you. Sexual frustrations can be easily relieved, even without intercourse. Just do some talking and tension will be remedied.

## Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Pretentious people are rather annoying, so stop being one. Your time in the sun is over now, and nobody likes the person that tries to hang onto their five minutes of fame longer than necessary.

## Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19)

Alas, your free time was unduly interrupted, but you can always get back at the person who caused it. You have your connections, and you aren't afraid to dive in and rid yourself of the competition.

## Gemini (May 20-June 20)

Perhaps a new route should be taken in your romantic endeavors? Teasing worked for a short time so now try being a little more coy and less frank. Playing hard to get is always a fun game to play, too. Just wait the game out for a little while longer.

## Cancer (June 21-July 21)

Hopefully some time out did you some good and refreshed you for the coming weeks. Everyone wants to see again that glowing radiant face that can make babies cry. Someone will need you for some guidance soon.

## Leo (July 22-Aug. 22)

Back in the limelite again? Maybe not yet. Your way or the highway doesn't really make people want to give you attention. They'd rather leave you be until you can see reason. Wait for someone else to generously give what you want without having to demand.

## Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)

Standing back is probably your best option. You made someone mad and you can't redeem yourself until they are ready to accept an apology. You may be waiting a while.

## Overheard

*If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to dmm6040@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!*

I just don't think it's this all powerful thing of...crap.

Person 1: Thursday is National High Five Day

Person 2: National Eye F\*\*\* Day?!

I'm biz-zey!

That's what you get for dive bombing me you stupid moth!

We know I'm sober when I start tripping over air again.

It's sacriligious to make-out in the chruch!

If I do it, I know I'll die a little on the inside, but someone else will die more.

Watch out for the wallaby, I mean muskrat!

You can't take my queen. I like my queen. Take my king!

## This space for rent!

Submit your poetry,

your photography,

or your visual art to the

## Measure Box

E-mail all work to dmm6040@saintjoe.edu



## Looking for Romance?

Find the perfect mate here!



If you want to be as happy looking as this couple, you should probably stay away from this section.

Interested in one of these prospective mates? Please give them a shout out and write them a note to be placed here.

Place your own ad today!

E-mail your information to dmm6040@saintjoe.edu

**SWF- Christian girl** looking for for funny romantic male. Doesn't drink or smoke, but still knows how to have a good time.

**Crazed Horny Stud** Seeks Sexy Slim Strumpet

Or just the next piece of meat that expresses interest. Or comes within eyesight. Or within 100 ft. Any takers?

**Single female looking for a good time.**

Looking for a good Master for some S&M fun. Loves whips, handcuffs & ball gags. Must be willing to discipline.



**Single female** looking for a non-creepy male looking to start slow and build up a strong loving relationship. Must be willing to cuddle and not be a miser.



## Completely Random Facts

Carnivorous animals will not eat another animal that has been struck by lightning.

North Dakota is the only state that has never had an earthquake.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

An apple, potato, and onion all taste the same if you eat them with your nose plugged. They all taste sweet.

## Nota Bene

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

Mark Twain  
(1835 - 1910)

## Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for Oct. 11  
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### 3:10 to Yuma

Fri: 4:20, 6:30 (R)  
Sat: 2:10, 4:20, 6:30  
Sun: 2:10, 4:20, 6:30  
Mon-Thrus: 4:20, 6:30

### The Game Plan

Fri: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50 (PG)  
Sat: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50  
Sun: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50  
Mon-Thrus: 4:40, 6:50

### The Heartbreak Kid

Fri: 2:20, 4:30, 6:40 (R)  
Sat: 2:20, 4:30, 6:40  
Sun: 2:20, 4:30, 6:40  
Mon-Thrus: 4:30, 6:40

### Resident Evil: Extinction

Fri: 2:40, 4:50, 7:10 (R)  
Sat: 2:40, 4:50, 7:10  
Sun: 2:40, 4:50, 7:10  
Mon-Thrus: 4:50, 7:10

### The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising

Fri: 2:50, 5:00, 7:00 (PG)  
Sat: 2:50, 5:00, 7:00  
Sun: 2:50, 5:00, 7:00  
Mon-Thrus: 5:00, 7:00

Coming Soon

30 Days of Night  
10/19

## Events Around Town

### Wolf Awareness Week

- What? *Special activities added to the regular agenda of Wolf Park*
- When? *Oct. 14-20*
- Where? *Wolf Park, Battle Ground, IN 47920.*
- Tickets are \$7

For more info call (765) 567-2265, or visit [www.wolfpark.org](http://www.wolfpark.org)

### Lafayette Farmers' Market

- What? *Good eats, Great treats, and lots of special events.*
- When? *Tuesday 7:30AM-1:00PM, Thursday 4:00-7:00PM, & Saturday 7:30AM-1:30PM*
- Where? *5th St. between Main and Columbia, Lafayette*
- Free event

For more info visit [www.lafayettefarmersmarket.com](http://www.lafayettefarmersmarket.com)